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GAS NOT LAND TO BE SOURCE OF FAIR FUND

LEGISLATURE EARLY IN SESSION SERVES NOTICE THAT PROPERTY TAX WOULD NOT RECEIVE CONSIDERATION AT ALL.

INCOME TAX ALSO ABANDONED

Portland's Fair Committee Hastily Summoned Changes Base and Gas Tax as Only Hope For Fair

If the Senate concurs with the action taken by the House at Salem late last night (Wednesday) the people of Oregon will have an opportunity of determining whether or not the Oregon 1925 Fair is to be financed, as far as the state is concerned, by an additional one cent per gallon tax on gasoline.

This decision on the part of the House was not taken until after a bitter fight, during which, at no time, did the original Portland proposal of a general property tax have a ghost of a show to win, for 36 members of the House from Eastern and Southern Oregon and from the coast counties had signed a round robin on Monday declaring their purpose to defeat such a measure when introduced.

With this prospect before them the Portland Fair lobby sent a hurried call to the metropolis for aid, and down to Salem went Franklin Griffith, J. B. Kerr, and other of the constructive leaders of the big town. They took the matter in hand and soon after their arrival the gasoline tax measure was whipped into tentative form and hearings held on it following the consideration of Speaker Louis Bean's income tax plan.

Wednesday morning the House while considering Representative Bennett's motion to indefinitely postpone, the Portland general property tax bill very nearly wrecked the entire plan, but it was saved from death when the Portland delegation woke to the fact that this action would preclude the possibility of considering any fair measure.

After considering the various fair bills all afternoon and late into Wednesday night the House passed the measure levying an additional cent per gallon on gasoline, and with it a corrective constitutional amendment validating the measure. What the Senate will do with this measure is problematical at this time, but it is believed possible to pass it there. The vote in the House was 46 to 14.

Coyote Bounty Bill

On Tuesday evening at Salem the ways and means committee to which was given the power to control legislation by previously passing on all measures permitted to reach the floor of the House or Senate, agreed to permit the coyote bounty bill introduced by Representative P. J. Gallagher to come out for a vote. The committee action was reached by an eleven to one vote, the negative vote coming from Hyatt of Walowa county.

This bill makes it optional with county courts to provide bounty funds or not to do so. If it does not get smothered in the Fair fight and road measures, the bill will pass, for sufficient interest was manifested in the measure and assurances given for its support from all parts of the state.

It appeared too from the temper of the legislators that the bills proposed by the Governor's special commission for the protection of the highways and the licensing of trucks and jitney's in commercial service would be passed, though not without a fight being made by the organized auto owners of Portland, through their attorney John Logan. The fight on these measures was three cornered with the representatives in favor of good roads, the attorneys for the railroads, and the jitney men furnishing the fun.

ACACIA LODGE ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting Acacia Lodge A. F. & A. M., last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected; Emory Hill, W. M.; John R. Rasmussen, S. W.; Irwin Troxell, J. W.; E. A. Fraser, treasurer; L. B. Cockrum, secretary.

Tomorrow evening Zedoc Chapter R. A. M. will install the officers which were elected two weeks ago.

COUNTY SECURING FUNDS FROM BONDING COMPANIES

Malheur County has secured the first payment from one of the bonding companies which secured funds on deposit in both the U. S. National and First National Bank of Vale, says County Judge E. H. Test, to the Argus.

Demand has been made on all of the bonding companies and it is anticipated that the other companies will pay shortly.

CHURCHES TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Two Programs Necessary at Congregational Sunday School—Pagent at M. E. Church—Others Have Trees

The Christmas holidays will be crowded with various entertainments and social events, and the Churches will have the usual Christmas programs and trees. The Congregational Church, will present a program with only the small tots taking part, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and in the evening the remainder of the Sunday School will present their part of the program. A Christmas tree and small gifts will be in order. An old fashioned Christmas party will take the place of the usual Christmas entertainment at the United Presbyterian Church on Friday evening. A tree and treat for the children and a short program will be followed by a lunch and a social visit. The Baptist Church will celebrate with a tree and program on Monday night, and on Sunday night the choir will give a musical program. The M. E. Church will celebrate on Sunday evening with a pagent "St. Christopher", after which the Sunday School children will have their Christmas tree. The Nazarene Church will entertain their people with a Christmas tree at the parsonage, Friday evening, and on Sunday morning with a Christmas service in the church.

WRECKED BOOZE CAR IS MYSTEROUSLY REMOVED

Last Sunday night about 9:30 a red touring car was found on the pavement between the tracks and bridge, wrecked against a telephone post. When Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cloud, of Fruitland, who were returning home from the Theatre here investigated they found the machine to be loaded with moonshine. A bloody handkerchief was found in the road, but the occupants of the car were gone. The license number was found to be that of an Idaho car. No investigation was made, and the next morning the car was gone.

O. H. S. GYM CLASS STAGE SUCCESSFUL CIRCUS

The circus which was given by the gymnasium girls of the Ontario High School, last Friday evening in the Legion Hall was a demonstration of what physical training for girls will accomplish. Each and every one of the girls performed in a very creditable manner, and all working together, made of it a very successful event. There were folk dances, aesthetic dances, military drills, crown exhibitions, Indian club and wand drills, vaulting and many other stunts. As the closing event, a clever drill was followed out where by the girls formed the letters O. H. S. After the performance, Miss Lee, who deserves much credit for what she has accomplished, served the treats for the girls and the orchestra.

LOCAL MINISTERS MEETING

A meeting of the ministers of the city was held at the home of Rev. J. D. Gillander Monday Dec. 19th. Four of the local pastors were present; Rev. C. H. Blom of the Baptist church; Rev. H. Young of the Methodist church; Rev. J. D. Gillander of the Congregational church, and Rev. E. E. Martin of the Nazarene church. A permanent organization was decided upon to be called "The Ministerial Association." An election of officers placed Rev. Blom chairman, Rev. Martin secretary, Rev. Blom and Rev. Young, constitutional committee, to present by-laws at the next meeting. Meetings will be held regularly every two weeks, beginning Monday, January 2, at 10 a. m. It was felt at this meeting that the ministerial association would prove a means of mutual helpfulness and cooperation in interests vital to the churches in the city.

CUT IN ROAD FUNDS RESULT OF MEETING

Taxpayers Consider Budget in Heated Session — Fight on County Agent Falls—Deputies' Salaries Reduced.

In a spirited meeting at Vale last Thursday the taxpayers presented the elimination of \$20,000 from the item of \$80,000 for road work for next year. The fund for market roads was permitted to stay so that the county can match the state and secure the benefits of co-operation.

The greater portion of the time of the meeting was spent in considering the item of \$2600 for co-operation with the Agricultural College and Federal government in the employment of a county agent. This matter was discussed by W. E. Lees and William Jones against the proposition, and V. V. Hickox and E. B. Conklin and others favoring it. The opponents of the appropriation presented a petition with 263 names while the men favoring it presented a petition with 470 names in favor of continuing the work and endorsing it. In other words by a two to one majority the people of the county expressed themselves in favor of the co-operative effort and endorsed the work of the county agent.

Having spent most of the time discussing the work of the county agent there was little time for the consideration of other matters and the meeting adjourned without materially reducing the budget. The item for market roads was left in so that the work from Nyssa south and the Jordan Valley Nyssa roads will be the only one on which work can be done next year.

MANY ONTARIANS ATTENDING O. A. C.

Fifteen Ontario Students are Taking Advantage of the Many Opportunities Offered at O. A. C.

Ontario has sent 15 students to the Oregon Agricultural College this term. The registration this year is 3400, taking the regular four year course, with 1026 summer session and short course students.

Nine of the 15 students from Ontario are taking commerce. This school is organized into four distinct departments, business administration, economics and sociology, office training, stenography, and political science. The present staff of faculty members numbers 24 as compared with four members in 1905. Ninety-seven different courses are offered in the four departments of the school.

The new commerce building now being erected is of the "U" type 154 feet long and 67 feet wide with wings 28 by 107 feet. There are three floors above a well lighted ground floor. The most approved methods of heating, lighting and ventilation will be employed. The prospects are that it will be ready for occupancy near April 1st.

Dorothy G. Turner, a graduate of the Ontario High school class of '15 is a junior in commerce, a member of the citation committee of last year, president of the Xi Beta sorority and a member of this year's Beaver staff.

Joyce Turner also a graduate of the Ontario High school class of '17, is a member of the Xi Beta sorority and a member of this year's Beaver staff.

Pete T. Beckman, formerly of the Warm Springs Irrigation District, is a senior in commerce, a member of the Commercial club, vice president of the Gamma Nu fraternity, a member of the 1922 Beaver staff, and also a member of last year's Commercial print.

Charles Christiansen, freshman, played on the rook football squad, and hopes to put his training into future practice.

L. D. Barrett, freshman in Pharmacy, is quarter back on the freshman class football team. I. P. Kukebuko, freshman in mechanical engineering, tried out for rook football. While not making the regular squad, he received some valuable training, and is now out for class football. J. Bryan Neeb, junior in chemical engineering, is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Other students from Ontario are, N. F. Zaller, freshman in electrical engineering; Rosalie K. Daus, freshman in commerce; Earl Griffin, sophomore in commerce; Theodore Hauser, freshman in commerce; Mrs. Johnson, home economics; Cecile Logan, junior in commerce. Iona C. Laubs, freshman in music, and Helen Dunbar, freshman in commerce, are both members of the Wauna club.

Miss Helen Dunbar came home from the O. A. C. to spend the Christmas week with her parents.

FRUITLAND BOY VICTIM OF MYSTERIOUS ATTACK

Answers Summons for his Step-Father and is Beaten by Stranger in Lonely Ranch House on Bench.

Guy Pierce, of Fruitland, a brother of Dwight Pierce of this city was the victim of mysterious assault in the ranch house of his step father, E. G. Chapman on the Fruitland Bench, Tuesday evening of this week. The young man was knocked unconscious by a blow with a pedestal which his assailant grabbed in the fight, for young Pierce put up a scrap in the dark, and is unable to give any description of the man who hit him.

There is an air of mystery surrounding the cowardly attack upon the young man, and he apparently is not the man for whom the thug was looking. No clue has been found to the perpetrator of the deed and the Chapman family has no idea of an enemy who would thus seek to injure them.

According to the information secured by the Argus, young Pierce on his return Tuesday to the Chapman home in Fruitland where the family is staying while the boys go to school, found a note addressed to Mr. Chapman telling him to go to the ranch where something was wrong. Since his parents were in Ontario shopping the boys decided to investigate immediately, and on reaching the ranch could find nothing wrong. He then went to the home of William Sharp, the nearest neighbor for supper.

After supper he determined to sleep at the ranch and on reaching the house could not find the lamp. So in the dark he used the telephone to call his mother in Fruitland. He had just secured the number and had the receiver down when he was attacked by the mysterious stranger. The boy had a gun which Mr. Sharp had given him when he left the Sharp place, and as the man choked him, tried to bring the weapon into play. Before he could do so, the man struck him with the pedestal and he fell, but in falling he discharged the weapon. The report was heard by neighbors over the telephone and aid rushed to the scene.

The boy's assailant had fled before help arrived and since nothing was disturbed it is thought revenge, not robbery was the cause of the crime. Young Pierce did not regain consciousness until early Wednesday morning, and was not able to give a description of his assailant.

LOCAL ELKS FURNISH FUNDS FOR NEEDY ONES

"Bills" Act in "Big Brother Spirit" and Collect Fund With Which to Spread Christmas Cheer.

There will be Christmas cheer and happy hours in a number of Ontario homes that otherwise would not have been particularly happy on Christmas day, because there are in Ontario a number of "Bills" who were willing and ready to contribute bills to a fund for Christmas cheer.

Led by W. F. Homan, O. M. Castleman, and other "Bills", the members of the B. P. O. E. of Ontario secured a fund which was added to the balance of that secured last year by the Oregon club and Knights of Columbus charity ball and all was turned over to Mrs. Henry Griffin, Red Cross nurse for her distribution.

The Ontario Elks, or "Bills" as they are popularly called are, doing what Elks in every town do each year as their contribution to aid in making someone happy on Christmas day, and they did their part generously.

THE ARGUS WISHES FOR ALL ITS READERS A MERRY XMAS

The Argus, at this Christmas time, wishes to extend to every one of its readers, Christmas greetings. In every one of the growing number of homes into which the Argus goes, we trust a full measure of Christmas joy and happiness will find reflection.

MONDAY IS LEGAL HOLIDAY UNDER PROVISION OF LAW

The Argus has been asked by several of its readers whether or not Monday would be observed as a holiday by Ontario business men. Since we were not able to make a canvass of the street today, we can only say that under the Oregon Law when a legal holiday falls up on a Sunday the following Monday is declared a legal holiday, and as such is the law it probably be observed in Ontario.

\$3000 PER DAY IS RECORD WINLOCK HENS

Washington State Town Prospering off Poultry Products—Ontario Might Do Likewise

By W. H. Doolittle, Secretary Ontario Commercial Club

Five years ago, Winlock, Washington, was a little town of some 500 people, mainly engaged in working in lumber mills. Now it is a town of some 1200 inhabitants. When the mills shut down due to poor markets, the people turned to poultry, and today it is one of the most thriving towns in Washington and growing steadily. Winlock is located in a logged off district with very little agricultural land tributary to it, but in spite of that drawback they are building a city there almost entirely through their poultry production and shipping their eggs through Ontario to New York. Most of these eggs come from people on small tracts of land in town or immediately adjoining the town, many of them having only three to ten lots. The following article will show what the town is doing.

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 16, 1921.—Egg shipments from Winlock indicate that the business which has been developed there within recent years is expanding at a greater pace than its promoters expected when it was first started. During the ten day period from Nov. 20 to Nov. 30, the Cowlitz Produce Co. shipped three full cartloads of "extras" direct to New York. There were 1623 cases of eggs in the shipment and the total value was \$30,322.40 or \$18.30 per case. This means an average price of 60 1-2c per dozen for these eggs. In addition to this they also shipped 300 cases of pullet eggs to Montana. The estimated weekly payroll of Winlock is \$22,200 per week, or a total for the year of \$1,154,000. This is equal to a payroll of 900 men receiving \$100 per month. In addition to this \$109,000 worth of poultry is also shipped from Winlock.

The above statement of what can be done in the poultry business should be an incentive to the people living in and around Ontario to get into this business. There is no place in the West where feed is cheaper or where the climate is more adapted to raising poultry. As a matter of fact eggs could be produced at 5c per dozen less here than in Western Washington, due to the difference in cost of feeds. Now that the Pacific Poultry Association has a branch in this section, we can get equally as good a price and probably better than the Coast, as freight is less to New York City. There are hundreds of men raising from 200 to 500 chickens on 5 to 10 lots in town, so that only a small tract of land is necessary. A chicken raiser's time is too valuable to raise his own feed. If he will grow his green stuff and devote his time to keeping his flock in good condition will find it worth many times the cost of the feed they consume. Recently a resident of Homedale, Idaho, made the statement that he made more money this year from a flock of chickens he was keeping in town on less than an acre of ground than any man would get out of the best 40 acre tract in that vicinity.

GIRLS CLUB HAVE SANTA AND RECEIVE MANY TOYS

Tuesday evening the Ontario Girls Club entertained with a delightful Christmas party. Miss Mae Platt was the hostess of the evening. Her home was beautifully decorated, the color note being the green and red of the holiday season. A Christmas tree, shining with candles was the center of attraction, while Mrs. Ivan Oakes in the guise of Santa Clause, distributed presents among the girls. The presents took the form of balls, rattles, horns, harps, toy dogs, and all things that make little folks happy. A short program was then staged, with the singing of the Christmas carols. A buffet luncheon was served late in the evening. About forty girls were present to help make this unique party a success.

Next week being the holiday season, no party will be held, and the next meeting place will be announced thru the columns of the Argus.

POULTRY FEEDING IS EXPLAINED TO CROWD

SIXTY RANCHERS HEAR H. E. COSBY EXPLAIN METHODS OF MIXING FEED AND PROPER WAY TO FEED CHICKENS

MEETINGS ARE WELL ATTENDED

Large Crowd Necessitates Holding Afternoon Meeting in Ontario City Hall—Poultrymen Gain Valuable Information.

The attendance was so good at the feed mixing demonstration at the A. B. Cain poultry demonstration farm last Wednesday, that plans had to be changed for the afternoon meeting. Instead of holding the lecture on principles of feeding for egg production in the house at the farm, the poultrymen voted to go to the Ontario City Hall for the meeting. And it is well that they did for the crowd was bigger in the afternoon and could not possibly have gotten into the house. Sixty persons attended the morning demonstration and eighty were present in the afternoon.

Besides showing those in attendance how to prepare a dry mash feed which would save a considerable in cost, from equal parts of corn meal, millrun, ground oats and fish meal, samples of cracked corn and wheat were exhibited for scratch feed. Also samples of eastern oyster shell and grit were shown, and exhibits of various vegetables and other foods suitable for green feed were shown. The building and equipment were inspected and the various points of importance pointed out by specialist Cosby and Mr. Cain. A vast number of questions were asked and it was with some difficulty that the specialist was extracted from the scene in time to get dinner before the afternoon work to start.

Owing to the size of the crowd, it was found necessary to take a vote on the meeting place for the afternoon. The decision was in favor of the City Hall in Ontario where Mr. Cosby began his lecture shortly after 1:30 with the room well filled. The specialist began his lecture with the statement that he had not come to tell the poultrymen how they must feed and care for their poultry as that was strictly their own business and would not materially affect anyone but themselves. However, he said, if any suggestions might be left which would be of value to them they would be welcome to make use of them. He also remarked that it would be well for those who contemplate going into the poultry business to remember that it is a business requiring a high degree of intelligence and careful attention to detail, and is only profitable to those who do every last thing necessary to make it so. For those who conduct the business scientifically, poultry keeping offers both profit and a pleasant occupation.

In going into the subject of feeding for egg production, Cosby said: "There are three things to keep in mind. First, conditions must be right or no amount of feeding will get your hens to lay. Second, the kind of feed you use must be right or you will not get results. Third, the feed must be given in the right way." "Remember," he said "that no hen ever laid an egg because she wanted to. She is just a mechanical machine which lays eggs when conditions are so she can't help it." "It is up to the poultryman to make those conditions. If your hens are laying satisfactorily, don't change conditions because the hen shows every time a change is made by a slump in egg production." "But," he said, "if you are not getting eggs it is because of one of the three things I have told you, or all of them. It is time to investigate."

"Look to see if the conditions are right. Don't crowd your hens. They should have 2 1/2 or 3 feet of floor space for each bird. Get your high production from pullets for fall and winter laying and have them hatched as near the first of April as possible. Look out for mites and lice and diseases. Use preventative sanitation, and keep the birds toned up with a little epsom salts once in a while, properly administered. I suggest that you get a copy of the farmers' bulletin on mites and lice

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